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For: Breakaway Utility Pole

1. A breakaway utility pole for placement in the ground, comprising:
a first elongated pole portion in the ground and partially protruding therefrom;
a second elongated pole portion interfitted into said first portion above
the ground; and
means for hanging utility wires from said utility pole.

2. The breakaway utility pole of claim 1 in which said first and second portions are made of plastic.

3. The breakaway utility pole of claim 2 in which said second portion is substantially hollow.

4. The breakaway utility pole of claim 3 in which said second portion is generally annular in cross-section.

5. The breakaway utility pole of claim 4 in which said ^{lower member} ~~first portion~~ includes at its upper end one part of a two-part male/female connector element.

6. The breakaway utility pole of claim 5 in which said ^{intermediate} ~~second~~ ^{member} ~~portion~~ includes at its lower end the second part of said male/female connector element.

7. The breakaway utility pole of claim 6 in which said ^{intermediate} ~~second~~ ^{member} ~~portion~~ further includes at its upper end one part of another two-part male/female

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connector element.

Sub 8. The breakaway utility pole of claim 7 further including a third pole portion having the second part of said another two-part male/female connector element.

5 9. The breakaway utility pole of claim 1 in which said means for hanging wires includes a third pole portion interfitted into said second pole portion at the upper end thereof.

10. The breakaway utility pole of claim 9 in which said first and third pole portions are substantially solid.

10 Sub 11. The breakaway utility pole of claim 9 in which said first, second and third pole portions are generally cylindrical.

9 12. The breakaway utility pole of claim 11 further including a pointed member into which said ^{lower member} ~~first pole portion~~ fits.

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5 Sub a3/ 13. A breakaway utility pole, comprising:
a lower member embedded in the ground;
an intermediate generally cylindrical member interfitted into said lower member and
protruding up; and
a top member interfitted into said intermediate member, and carrying utility wires;
wherein said intermediate member is a hollow plastic tube which
fractures upon a relatively low impact from an automobile.

2 14. The breakaway utility pole of claim 13 in which said
intermediate member is ^{internally} fluted along its length to weaken it so that it fractures more
easily.